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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." MAL. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." JOHN 8:32.

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79TH HOLY CONVOCATION ANNOUNCED

Holy greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The sand has once again trickled through the hourglass as the year of 1986 rapidly ebbs away. We have witnessed another unusual expression of God's love as He has poured out upon us untold blessings. Like David, we can testify that the Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad.

As the General Secretary, my heart's rejoicing to again officially herald to the Church of God in Christ family the good news of the approaching of the 79th Holy Convocation, scheduled November 4-10, at National Headquarters, Memphis, Tennessee. Showers of blessings are just around the corner as we embrace this miracle-working, Spirit-filled gathering of God's people.

Please observe that it is neces-

sary in accordance with Article 3 Section B Subsection 1 and 2 of the Manual of the Church of God in Christ that each and every jurisdiction will hold an election in the jurisdictional assembly to qualify its delegates to the General Assembly. The roster of delegates should then be forwarded to the office of the General Secretary.

The Office of General Secretary is preparing to register all delegates to the General Assembly. In order to improve the registration procedure, jurisdictional Bishops are required to file the list of certified delegates in our office as soon as possible.

The 79th Convocation promises to be exciting and glorious, being the first in our history to last only seven days. "The Saints are coming," and, of course, God will be with us as in the past. As you will recall, the first three days

have always been given to fasting and praying. However, since the meeting has been shortened, the saints are urged to begin fasting and consecration on Sunday before leaving home, and the consecration will conclude on Tuesday, November 4, with the official opening by the Presiding Bishop, the General Board and National Officials and the concluding of the Solemn Assembly.

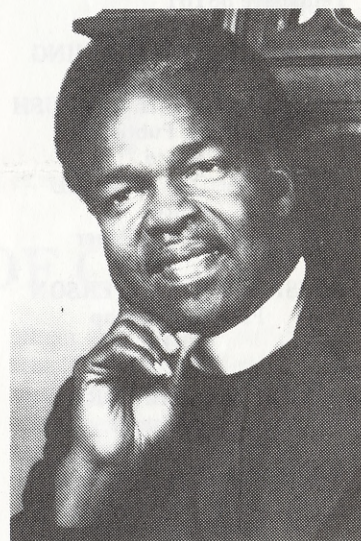
The Training Sessions will begin on Wednesday, November 5, with Dr. Haney and the training staff, and a well-organized curriculum of training courses for ministers, missionaries and laymen alike. The early afternoon session will feature the Educational Institutions of the Church: the C. H. Mason Theological Seminary, the C. H. Mason System of Bible Colleges, the C. H. Mason Foundation, the J. O. Patterson Find Arts, Saints

Academy, etc.

Thursday, November 6, during the early evening session, the Home and Foreign Mission Department will project its program which includes the foreign delegates in attendance at the meeting.

Friday, November 7, is Women's Day under the supervision of Mother Mattie McGlothen, the National Supervisor.

On Saturday, November 8, a most spectacular and historical event will occur, the long-anticipated moment: the ground breaking ceremony for All Saints University. It will be a sight to behold, and every delegate and attendees should be present to witness the unfolding of the vision of our great leader for this administration. Also, at four o'clock in the afternoon, the annual Presiding Bishop's \$125 per plate (formerly \$100 per plate) Benefit Dinner, which has



BISHOP GERMAN ROSS

given thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving students from across the United States, will be held at the Cook Convention Center.

Sunday, November 9, at high noon, the annual message will be delivered by his eminence, Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson. To enhance the worship service on Sunday Evening, the renowned Pat Robertson has been invited as the special guest.

On Monday, November 10, a colorful and unique communion

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LOCAL CHURCHES MAKE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS

The news about the ASU rallies keeps growing daily. What a wonder story of faith, courage and victory is unfolding before our very eyes. It is evident that great strides were made to promote the university for the saints, as the preliminary totals suggest. We all can gladly share in the victory as ASU proved to be more than a narrow based project of a few. Many local churches made large contributions and this demonstrates how deep the commitment runs.

During the Holy Convocation in

November the saints will be party to a tremendous ASU ground breaking. Please come looking to witness festivities commensurate to such a historic time in the life of our Church. None of which would be possible except the saints around the nation supported the dream. Miracles can only happen when faith and practice of faith are demonstrated.

There were several outstanding contributions made by local churches of which the Whole

Truth feels necessary to lift up. Naturally, every gift was much appreciated and we shall continue to highlight stories and events that characterize the spirit of the rallies. History demands we mention those churches who made contributions above and beyond the call. They will serve as an inspiration to every saint that we need liberal souls to finance this great undertaking.

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PRESIDING BISHOP DINES WITH THE PRESIDENT

The White House rose garden lawn has been the site of many presidential functions. There the famous deep green lawn and bright surroundings serve as the backdrop for the gathering of the world's elite and political types. September 10, 1986, started a new chapter in the many occasions presented there. This time our presiding officer, Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr., was there and as personal guest, seated at the President's table. He and another prominent churchman, Dr. Adrian Rogers, President of the Southern Baptist Convention were among the dignitaries invited to the state dinner. The dinner was in honor of Brazilian President Jose Sarney. Our Presiding Bishop was the only clergyman seated at the President's table.

When asked why he was invited to the dinner, Bishop Patterson responded, "that is a good question". He said the President invited citizens he considered to be distinguished to be with him. The bishop commented, "It was quite an honor." About the President, Bishop Patterson said he's a very humorous person. He reflected how the President

related stories of his old radio broadcasting days. Although the Brazilian President was in the country to talk serious economic issues, Bishop Patterson stated the dinner "was a social occasion."

Also sitting at the President's table were other notable persons like Rear Admiral Harper. Seated next to Bishop Patterson was the widow of the late Vice President Nelson Rockefeller, Mrs. Happy Rockefeller. Bishop described her as an utterly charming lady. Mrs. Sarney, wife of the Brazilian leader sat at the President's table.

Events like these are important socially and for persons of power. The Church of God in Christ qualifies as a powerful group, as we are three million strong and basically tax payers. The Presiding Bishop is a world dignitary who represents Christ upon the international stage.

The Presiding Bishop also wished to thank Dr. Sherman Howard for serving as adjunct during his brief visits to Washington D. C.



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GUEST EDITORIAL YOUTH PREPARING TODAY FOR A GLORIOUS TOMORROW

by
Sister Anna M. H. Hess

The glorious tomorrow that we are preparing for is eternal life. Since the beginning of time, people have been seeking for eternal life through means of scientific efforts, majestic powers, natural remedies and organic solutions. Eternal life is in heaven. Therefore, it is necessary for people to be saved when they die, in order to gain eternal life. St. John 5:24 says "Verily, verily I say unto you, he that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life."

The fact that there is a glorious tomorrow is enough stimulus to persuade people to make the necessary preparations. While preparing for that glorious tomorrow we should not participate in drugs, alcohol, tobacco, lying, adultery, fornication, prostitution, jealousy, disobedience, and other unrighteous acts.

Young people while young and energetic, your souls should be on fire for the Lord and you should submit yourself to do the will of God. A very good example of preparing, is trying to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and obeying the Holy Bible. The world presents many opportunities, but to be worldly and to remain worldly will cause you to lose your soul and your chance for that glorious tomorrow. Always stay in the will of God. Death knows no age, so do not say, "I have time, I'll get get saved later."

Instead of complaining be appreciative for God's many blessings. Learn to stand up for that which is right and when your friends or love ones are wrong, do not show any partiality. Young people be strong in the Lord; so spiritually, the mind as well as the heart will remain elevated. Stay in school and remember, "The Mind Is A Terrible Thing To Waste." God is an intelligent God, therefore you should always try to improve your

learning skills, II Timothy 2:15 says "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

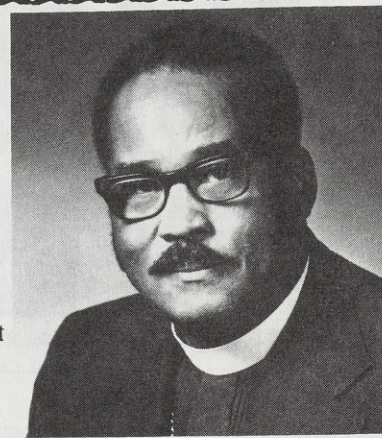
There is a need for more steadfastness in a spiritual life. God needs strong witnesses. A saint of God can't live one way in the day and at night participate in things unholy; for Holiness excludes all sin. You should live holy everywhere. Matt 5:16 says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven."

Therefore, your lives should coincide with your testimonies. Trials will come in the homes, communities, friends, enemies, families, churches, and interpersonal relationships. Young people remember to "Pray", because prayer changes things. Stay away from people with negative minds. Be productive saints and when you are working in the church or singing in the choir, be sincere and honest. Proverbs 20:11 tell us, "Even a child is known by his doings whether his work be pure and whether it be right."

Young people when your friends say, "God is dead," reply "God Is Not Dead!" I am a living witness that God is not dead, because he lives in me. He has changed my life from a life of sin, shame, disgrace, degradation, misery and confusion. Now I have peace, love, hope, joy and salvation. A song writer once said, "He Took Me And Made Something Beautiful Out Of My Life." I have the assurance that there is a glorious tomorrow, for my mind is made up, I am on my way up, I am going to hold my head up and receive my glorious tomorrow. TRY GOD!

J. E. Pondexter Merrited Award

"Youth Congress"



Bishop J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop
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Office of the Presiding Bishop

October 8, 1986

Dear Saints:

As the Miracle of '86 continues to progress, I am filled with joy at the thought of the accomplishments made to date toward the realization of All Saints University (ASU).

I deeply appreciate all you have done to help make this dream a reality. It has been your support and prayers that kept me going when discouragement said that I should stop. I want you to know that you are very much a part of this miracle and it will not complete its work without your aid.

As the vision unfolds, I urge you to join with those of us who are determined to give a top-flight, christian-oriented institution of higher learning to our youth of this day and the untold thousands yet to be born.

I welcome you to the 79th session of our Holy Convocation and pray that God will grant you blessings spiritually, physically and financially.

Your Chief-servant,

J. O. Patterson

J. O. Patterson, Sr.
Presiding Bishop
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ALL SAINTS UNIVERSITY

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NATIONAL NEWS

IN MEMORY: MOTHER JENNIE V. HEARNE

State Supervisor, Oklahoma Northwest National Chairlady, International Youth Congress Emeritus President, Women's State Convention Secretary, National Executive Advisory Board Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors Saints College Recording Secretary, Women's International Convention

Jennie V. was born to James and Barbara Adkins on May 22, 1897, in Marshall, Texas.

Mother J. V. Hearne was converted in the Baptist Church at the early age of nine. Later she became a cherished and valued member of The Church of God in Christ. She was loyal and faithful and willing to serve wherever she was needed.

She married Alza L. Hearne in Marshall, Texas and to this union two children were born, Marie Jeanette and Alza, Jr.

In 1920 Mother Hearne moved to Oklahoma, coming years before the state was divided into two Diocese. The churches were very few and scattered apart. There were no state organizations of the women's work, and no ministers and workers meetings.

Mother Hearne played an active role in organizing the First State Department of the Women's Work in Oklahoma. As a result, the women's work has become an outstanding part of our churches.

Where there was a desire by the State Bishop I. M. Page to purchase a block of land in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for State Headquarters, it was Mother Hearne who gave him the plan to create Districts to raise money to purchase the property. From this plan Districts have been organized in every state. She served as one of the first District Missionaries and was the State Chairman.

She saw the need for trained workers, therefore she organized the first Missionary Institute in the State.

Remembering God's Word, Train up a child in the way he should go; She organized the first Vocational Bible School for children with Mother Fannie Walker, Leader.

She realized where there is unity there is strength — So she organized the first Bible Band Union in the State with Mother Ada Brown as President.

Who initiated the idea of a State paper in Oklahoma? Mother Hearne. She presented to the Brethren the idea and plan for the first paper "The Voice of the Saints" — Later she became the Editor with the name changed

to "The Oklahoma Messenger." She also served as Assistant Secretary of the National Publishing Board.

She was so concerned about others, therefore she organized the State Courtesy Committee and from this she organized the first State Hospitality Committee.

Trained women have gone from Oklahoma and carried the spirit of Hospitality and as a result there are Hospitality groups in every state.

There are many things added to the Women's work by our Dear Mother. She considered the aged members, so she organized the first Golden Age Circle. She was mindful of the Handicapped and organized them in to a workable group.

She also organized the Young Women's Progressive Guild and the first Pastor's Aid.

She was the first State Counselor of Missions in Oklahoma, and active in Mission work both in the Homeland and Foreign Fields.

For many years she has contributed monthly for the support of a child in the Foreign Fields.

She had contributed largely to our Church School, Saints College since its beginning.

The Reception Room in the Orzo Thurston Jones Building is named the Jennie V. Hearne Reception Room. It was furnished by Mother Hearne. The Mother J. V. Hearne room in the Anne Bailey Dormitory of the Saints College is also supplied and financed by Dr. Hearne.

Mother's work with the Youth has been outstanding. She served as the first appointed state President of the Youth Department of Oklahoma.

She was the first National Sunday School Representative and the first National President of the Young Women's Christian Council.

She was the first National and International Chairlady of the Youth Department. She served with Senior Bishop O. T. Jones until he was promoted to the office of Sr. Bishop of the entire Church of God in Christ, National and International.

She was the International Chairlady of the International Congress serving with Dr. Chandler Owens.

She is now International Chairlady Emeritus.

With her Godly life adorning the doctrine of Jesus Christ.



MRS. J. V. HEARNE

In our conclusion may we say: "GIVE HER THE FRUIT OF HER HANDS AND LET HER OWN WORKS PRAISE HER IN THE GATES."

Mother Hearne was a life member of the Y.W.C.A., a member of the Dorcas Community Club and a member of the Hands Across The City, Federated Club. Mother Hearne was a woman of noble character and unwavering integrity, her indomitable courage and her faith in God sustained her all of the days of her life. Her reassuring smile, endless patience and sincerity of heart will always be remembered and cherished by her family and friends.

She leaves to cherish those memories, her Daughter Marie J. Burleigh and Son-in Law, Rev. I. Burleigh, of Oklahoma City, three grandchildren, Calvinetta Dure, Sharon Edward, and Veletha Burleigh. all of Oklahoma City, 4 great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives.



Left to Right: Mrs. S. Law, Mrs. G. Miller, Mrs. M. C. Winbush

QUEENS OF COUNT

In the above picture, Bishop H. J. Bell poses with three lovely and hard working ladies. From left to right are Mrs. Sylvia Law, Mrs. Geraldine Miller and Mrs. Mae C. Winbush whom we affectionately refer to as the "Queens of Count."

These most industrious and hardy sisters traveled during the 20 ASU rallies and were the chief financial personnel on the tour. Rarely did they have an opportunity to be a part of any of the rallies. Their awesome task of counting, recording and banking the financial contributions kept

them very busy. Finally during the 20th rally in Memphis, they emerged from the counting chambers to witness some of the activities. For their service, Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson introduced them to the saints.

To the ladies, the Whole Truth says thanks and a job well done. Of course the ladies knew the job was hard by a necessary experience. We hope they went home and got into their usually busy schedules. For their efforts the Whole Truths crowns them individually a "Queen of Count."

MASS CHOIR SUPPORTS ASU FINANCIALLY

Each night of the ASU rally season a different mass choir composed of that areas jurisdictions euphonically sang the praises of God. The saints have

come to expect a solid musical presentation from our national choir, when and wherever they sing. Each rally had a choir that

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In the above picture, many bishops from around the country attended the final rally. They came to witness the final ingathering and celebrate the victory with Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr. Most had already attended a rally in their respective area but found it necessary and a benefit to see the last one. For the record they are as follows:

Front row, Left to right: Bishops

Brooks, Husband, Ford, Patterson, Sr. Winbush, Cohen, Green, Haynes and Porter.

2nd row, Bishops Walker, Macklin, Sherman, Ross, Scott, T. Perry and Elder J. Ellis.

3rd row, Bishops Thomas, Wright, Spann, Bordeaux, Bonner, McKinney, and Walker.

4th row, Bishops Moore, Quick,

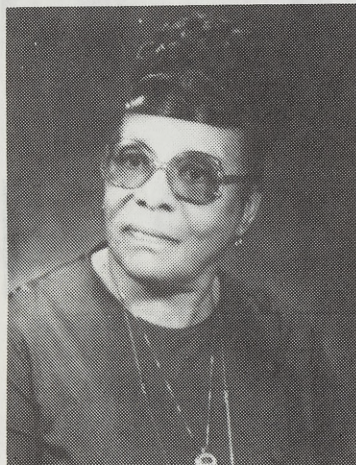
Sconiers, Stewart, Overseer Grayson, Bishop Gilkey, E. H. Moore and Sykes.

5th row, Bishop Patterson, Jr., Harris, Brown, Dell, Johnson, Bell and Blackshear.

Back row, Bishop Rowe, Reed, Cobb, F. E. Perry, Williams, Brewer and Jones.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

WOMEN'S CONVENTION



DR. LILLIAN A. MORRIS

"Advancing Through Adversity" was the theme for the 20th Annual State Women's Convention of the Southern California First Jurisdiction. The meeting was held July 24-27, at the beautiful Hilton Hotel in Pasadena, California. Dr. Lillian A. Morris, Supervisor of Women was the president of the convention. Host Regional Superintendent was Supt. F. J. Goodman, Administrative Assistant to the Bishop Charles E. Blake. Mother O. M. Fizer-Palmer was the host regional missionary.

Delegates were warmly welcomed Thursday afternoon by the smiling faces of the welcoming committee, the ladies attired in yellow and black. The meeting began Thursday evening with a pre-convention musical with the more than two hundred voices of the Pasadena Region mass choir. Mrs. Frances Bereal Harris coordinated the musical. Evang. Katra Tucker is Minister of the Women's Conventions. Mrs. Helen Davis heads the minister's wives choir which provided music for the day sessions.

Evangelist Francine Morrison of Fort Worth, Texas ministered each morning, truly under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. A highlight of the convention were the workshop sessions during the day, these sessions were directed by Mrs. Lillian Countee and staff.

Civic leaders of the area were presented to the convention on Friday evening. The illustrious presiding prelate of the jurisdiction, Bishop Blake preached to the gathering on Friday evening. "Exalted and Favoured" was his subject. He spoke of the life of

Mary, the mother of Jesus and related her life to the women of today.

A special banquet dinner honoring our president was held in the lovely Champagne Room of the hotel. The ladies were attired in pink as they enjoyed a delicious dinner. Accolades were given to Dr. Morris for her outstanding leadership in the church and community. The award guild of the women's department paid special tribute to Dr. Morris. Others were recognized for their achievements for their various efforts in the preparation of the convention.

The guest speaker for Saturday evening was Evangelist Earnestine Cleveland Reems of Oakland, daughter of the Bishop E. E. Cleveland. She blessed our hearts as she spoke with deep conviction to the women of the convention. Also included in the Saturday evening service was a banner march of all the district missionaries and special committee chairpersons of the women's department.

Our president, Dr. Morris addressed the convention on Sunday afternoon. "Effective Leadership" was her subject as she spoke from the book of Esther. Our mother epitomizes an effective, Godly leader with the feminine touch. The women of the jurisdiction love her and proved their love with the greatest attended convention ever. The convention was held in the International Ballroom which seats nine hundred. The room held a capacity crowd each night.

This convention was a culmination of several events throughout the year. A Prayer Breakfast was held at the Torrance, California Holiday Inn in April. The honorable Tom Bradley, mayor of Los Angeles, addressed the women on that day. The greatest International Women's Convention witnessed by this writer was held in Long Beach and hosted by Mother Morris and Bishop Blake. The women also enjoyed a great women's day during the convocation in June.

A truly great year for the women of Southern California. We are inspired and motivated to do greater things for the Lord in the coming year.

MISSIONS

To the Saints everywhere,

We are once again sending SOS appeal to all our Mission supporters and Christian friends throughout the World because of the drought and famine facing my country. Large Areas in Western and Central Botswana are facing the driest period in 45 years, and many people are starving to death. The situation

is very grave, and we need Prayers and help of God's people as soon as possible. Yes, I pray and hope that God will speak to His people to help to save a life at this critical moment of life and death.

For those sharing in prayer with us, we are indeed in need of your prayers and donations as generously as God enables. We list

here some items for which we need your PRAYERS and HELP:

1. Borehole drilling for water costing \$7,000.00 including Pumping Equipments.
2. Enough funds to feed them daily.
3. Delivery truck for distribution of food costing \$13,000.00.
4. Used clothing for men, women and children.

All your donations should be Earmarked Botswana Jurisdiction, payable to Missions Dept., COGIC, P. O. Box 491, Memphis, Tennessee 38101.

Whatever the Lord lays on the heart of His people to send, we will receive with thanksgiving as unto the Lord. Please write me today:

Bishop S.S.M. Maimela,
P.O. Box 397
Francistown, Botswana - Southern Africa

Your brother in Christ,
Bishop S.S.M. Maimela

ILLINOIS

I was saved in the Church of God in Christ March, 1936, at a small mission in Bartlett, Tennessee. Elder Jack Moss was the pastor from Bankhampton. Missionary Irene and Deacon Thomas started the mission by holding services in their home. He saved me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and with fire. I do speak in tongues as the spirit give utterance.

In November, of the same year I attended my first Holy Convocation. During those years the Convocation was held for 20 days. I went for three days and two nights. I wanted to stay longer but the spirit of the Lord spoke to me and said I should go home and not spend another night. I sat by Mo. Fannie Page who showed kindness to me and my two daughters. I told her I expected to go home the following day and I did.

Service in those days was wonderful. It was the same night or the next that I received word that the Tabernacle had burned. I praised God that I had obeyed the Holy Spirit.

Later I came to Memphis to live. I found the Speed Street Church of God in Christ. So I cast my lot there. Elder C. H. Moore was pastor and Evang. Emma J. Johnson was church missionary.

Oh, praise His wonderful name. I was a faithful member there until May, 1943, when I moved to Chicago, Illinois. Pastor C. H. Moore and Mo. Addie Adair gave me my first license. Pastor Moore said to me, "I want you to go there and keep up the good work." I promised him I would.

After moving to Chicago some friends invited me to attend service at Elder Odell Reed's church. I did for a short time. Bishop Wm. Roberts was bishop of Northern Illinois and Mo. Mary Davis was supervisor.

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FROM PLACE TO PLACE



Elder David Hall

This has been an excellent summer. Actually, the season has come and gone but God has blessed me to visit a few areas of the country. Personally, I thank God for the saints because their hospitality made travel and field work a pleasure.

As I went from place to place, it was my endeavor to conduct subscription drives for the Whole Truth newspaper. Dozens and dozens of you subscribed to the paper and made the trip very worthwhile. Others of you conscientious saints realize the Whole Truth needs your yearly renewal and you did just that, renewed your subscription for another year.

One stop during the summer season was at beautiful Refreshing Springs Church of God in Christ. The Washington D. C. area is so blessed with many fine churches and the "Spring," as the membership affectionately say, is among the best. Pastor Archie D. Headen, a gentleman of spirit and grace opened his doors to this visiting newsman. The hospitality of this large congregation was splendid and reminded me of attention with which smaller congregations embrace visitors. Especially appreciated was the care and support given me by Elder George Davis. He, the Youth Day Committee and Sister Peggy Smallwood were simply lovely.

I truly enjoyed the opportunity of witnessing the famous annual homecoming activities at Refreshing Springs. Many notable sons and daughters of the church return home for yearly fellowship. I had the opportunity to speak on Youth Sunday, which kicks the homecoming week off. While there, a great Whole Truth subscription drive was conducted.

Washington is so full of God's people. A good friend of mine, Elder Warren Crudup, the fine pastor of Saint Paul Temple Church of God in Christ received me with open arms. God surely blessed me among the Saint Paul family, as a three day revival proved to be a spiritual success. Likewise, during that period we conducted another subscription drive. It too was successful. The Crudup family and the whole of Saint Paul have a sweetly saved spirit. It was indeed a pleasure to have been with the saints.

This summer a good friend of mine, Dr. Alonzo Johnson, Ph.D., was installed as pastor of the Bowman Temple Church of God in Christ, Bowman, S. C. The Elder Johnson is the son of Bishop J. J. Johnson and a recent graduate of Union Theological Seminary's doctor of philosophy program. Elder Johnson is a young man who has obtained learning and kept his burning through the process. He is also an instructor at Benedict College, Columbia, S. C. I was privileged to address the installation banquet of this fine pastor. The following Sunday, I traveled to Goose Creek, S. C., and preached at the bishop's church.

The highlight of the South Carolina trip was the installation service of Elder Johnson as pastor. August 24, 1986, was a hot day, but the saints from everywhere packed the church. Bishop Johnson did the honors. My prayers go out to Dr. Johnson and his lovely wife Richel, as they jointly celebrate the installation and the birth of a nearly ten pound baby boy. Little brother Rendel Omar Sion Johnson is a distinguished gentleman and future scholar.

Before leaving the Columbia area, I stopped by a good friend's church. Elder James McKinney and his Community Church of God in Christ received this now tired preacher. Having never met his wife, I had the pleasure of doing so after the Sunday night service. The McKinney's are great supporters of the ASU program and she commented on our need to continue the dream. Frankly, I must report their church did nicely during the ASU Rally.

Labor day weekend was spent with Elder Charles Brown and congregation. All day Saturday was spent conducting a retreat for the men of Full Gospel Church of God in Christ. Elder Brown is a very dynamic person who has been inspired of God. Sunday morning, I was welcomed in the midst of the congregation to preach the morning message. The Lord was good, as souls were saved and many joined this fast growing Church.

On the way to the airport, I stopped to visit the folks at the Thompson Temple Church of God in Christ. Just across the Mississippi River one will find Elder Thompson's new church building. He extended a hand of kindness and allowed me remarks during the dedication service. The Honorable Bishop W. K. Gordon was there in support of the effort. Having said a few words I dashed to the plane.

My summer could not have been better. Saints everywhere have been sweet to me and because of the support local pastors have given, more and more of you are reading the Whole Truth. Hopefully, I can visit your area next summer!! Nonetheless, we saints have the Holy Convocation to renew our fellowship. See you then.

JURISDICTIONS

INDIANA

KOKOMO, INDIANA

HEALING VISION
by
Sister Glenda Hall

As the Lord was saving the different ones, I was very happy and it seemed as if I became two people. On one hand I was extremely happy and on the other hand I was very unfeeling, cold and unemotional. The cold, unemotional feeling dominated me, but I could remember the happy feeling and I said, "Lord I don't want to be cold and unemotional, but I want to be able to feel..." Then a few minutes later I began to feel different emotions and the last one I felt was the love of God.

I believe God came down and loved me and as He loved me I loved Him. It was an interaction, and at the same time that this was happening, I felt such a love for the congregation as a whole. As I was concentrating on this loving God and Him loving me, I began to rejoice in the Lord. It was as if it was happening to me, but I wasn't doing it. I wasn't in control! I wasn't aware of what was happening until I hit the floor, then I was embarrassed. I didn't feel the love any more only embarrassment. I was aware of some things around me but I could not get up. Later when I got back to my seat, I asked God why did He embarrass me like that? He didn't tell me anything; no, God didn't say anything to me.

After I got home and got into bed, it was about 3 a.m. I lay relaxing and prepared to go to sleep, the spirit of the Lord came down and visited me. It was like a cloud or mist that came down and rested upon me. The Lord began to deal with me and He brought back to my remembrance a situation concerning my immediate family members. This situation was very hurtful and painful to me and it was something that was very hard for me to accept. At the time this situation happened, I asked God to let me go through it without bitterness, resentment, hate or malice. I knew one couldn't be saved with these feelings in one's heart. As God brought the people before me that had hurt me, I felt the same cold feelings that I had during service. He showed me where I had buried my hurt feelings and built a barrier around my emotions. Whenever I thought of those that had hurt me, I didn't feel a hate for them; I didn't feel anything.

I saw myself laying down and the Lord reached down and took out my heart and gave me a heart of forgiveness, the spirit of forgiveness filled my whole being. When I thought on those that had hurt me, I felt such an overwhelming love for them. God took out my spirit and gave me a new spirit. The Lord reminded me of my prayer, that I go through this experience without bitterness, etc. He

informed me that I need not have gone through any of it. If only I had given it all to Him.

The Lord impressed upon me to share the entire experience with the saints at Grace Memorial who have had hurts and disappointments. They have buried them and He wants them to give them to Him. Some had hurt and disappointments from years ago.

I heard someone say, I don't have anything against anyone and the Lord revealed it may not be a person but it could be an illness, or affliction that is the source of pain. It could be your job situation, maybe one has no job, possibly lost a job or don't have the type job you have wanted. Maybe it's the children or loved ones. We all pray that they be saved and they're not. It could be unanswered prayer or many things. God wants to take our hurts and disappointments if we will give them to him. We have to ask him to remind us of them.

I saw the saints before the altar. All across the front and down the aisles they stood. As we gave our hurts to the Lord, I could see the hurts going up to God and the same time He was pouring down His spirit. I saw love, joy, forgiveness and works, and when I saw works, it said He had works for us all to do. I saw Grace Memorial not people but the body as a whole and God said He would not renew us but make us anew. He would give us new love, joy, spirit and work. I saw a large vessel and He was pouring His spirit into it. He said this is how He wants us to come before Him, as an empty vessel and He will pour His spirit into us. He doesn't want to have to chisel His way into us but He wants us to just be empty before Him. After these events the Lord's spirit lifted up from me as gently as it had come down. In my spirit I tried to reach up and hold it because it was such a wonderful experience I didn't want it to leave.

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH of Elder David Blakely

My life has been dramatically centered around the Gospel through music; therefore, many of the pertinent facts listed herein are based in the area of music-Gospel music.

I started learning piano when I was about 11 or 12 years old. Brother James Dougherty was my instructor, he was both a very inspiring and capable musician. I spent many hours at his home practicing and, when I look back, I'm sure his mother and father really wanted to tell me to go home many times. Occasionally, they would send me home, but they were aware that theirs was the only piano I had on which to practice.

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AREA 13

WISCONSIN
MINNESOTA,
IOWA, NORTH
AND SOUTH DAKOTA

WE DID IT!! With God's guidance and the cohesiveness the Bishops, parishioners and friends, Area 13 had the greatest rally experienced!! The saints enjoyed an unforgettable afternoon and evening with the Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson and his dynamic staff. From the first day of planning, it was certainly the Will of God that this area would successfully rally around Bishop Patterson and his vision for the completion of All Saints University. We are excited, ready and willing to work towards the fruition of that dream.

Not only were we blessed to "catch the vision," we also had the unique privilege of celebrating Bishop Patterson's birthday with him on July 21, 1986. The State Hospitality Committee directed and carried out plans for a lovely dinner at the Marriott Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. With colors of white and gold, the program was thoughtful, appropriate and direct. In spite of a delay, Wisconsin was stationed at the airport with a police escort for our beloved Bishop to the banquet hall. We certainly give this credit to our great leaders in Wisconsin along with the Hospitality Committee for a fantastic effort in the face of criticism and obstacles.

After the dinner the Bishop and his entourage were escorted to the newly decorated auditorium of Emmanuel Evangelistic Temple, pastored by Bishop Dennis Flakes, 1st Jurisdiction, SE Wisconsin. There the saints participated in and enjoyed a tremendous praise service expertly conducted by the Bishop's very proficient staff. Then the Word of God was effectively administered by our Presiding Bishop, exhorting us to take little thought to the trials and afflictions which beset us. We were encouraged to seek for a higher spiritual plateau, remembering that "it is well" with our souls.

This day, July 21, 1986 was truly a day of encouragement. God administered to the saints of Area 13 through the dynamics of the Holy Ghost and our obedience to our Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson. We shall never forget this experience of giving and receiving and we ask that you will pray our continued obedience to the Will of God.

Respectfully submitted,
Mo. Rosanne Glen-Carter
State Reporter,
1st Jurisdiction
Southeastern Wisconsin

ILLINOIS

WILFRED MOORE is a recipient of the prestigious Northeastern Illinois University Merit Award for Outstanding Alumni for 1986. Moore, founder/director of the

acclaimed singing group Pentecostal Sound was cited for his many contributions to the field of gospel music. Moore stated that he was inspired to pursue gospel while a member of UNI's Black Heritage Gospel Choir as a student. Having produced several albums, his most recent, *A New Beginning*, is a current favorite on popular gospel stations. Moore, along with other gospel greats Albertina Walker and Robert Mayes is a founder of the Midwest Gospel Academy, a division of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (NARAS) which sponsor the GRAMMY Awards. Moore noted that their purpose is to assure that gospel music is accorded the same professional recognition given other musical genres of exceptional quality.

Holding a degree in English, Moore has also been recognized as one of the Institute for Scholastic Achievement's most innovative educators.

ILLINOIS

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Elder Reed introduced me to Mo. Davis. I attended the third Thursday meeting. I was working and traveling from the North-shore so we sought to find a church in Evanston. We were told about Williams Memorial COGIC pastored by Bishop Wm. D. C. Williams. I moved to Evanston and cast my lot there.

After a few years he was appointed bishop of Indiana South. His church was allowed to serve under his jurisdiction. Mrs. Vera Grant was assigned as his state supervisor. Through their leadership I was appointed assistant state evangelist and district evangelist.

After serving in that capacity for some time, in 1954, Mo. Grant needed another district missionary and asked Bishop Williams if she could appoint me. He was in accord with her.

I remained with Williams Memorial COGIC until April 1968. I became a member of Pilgrim COGIC which Elder Nathaniel Robinson is pastor and district superintendent with the 6th jurisdiction. Bishop H. W. Goldsberry was jurisdictional bishop and Mrs. Daisy B. Scott was Supervisor of Women's Work. Dr. N. Robinson needed a district missionary for the Pilgrim District. Since he knew me and my work he asked if they would appoint me. They honored his request. Mo. Daisy B. Scott presented me a certificate of appointment to the Pilgrim District where I served until August, 1983.

Through me God has saved and healed. It is so vivid the miracle that the spirit wrought in a revival I conducted at Zion Healing Temple. Elder J. W. Hampton, pastor. I called for a prayer line along with the pastor. He gave me to go as the Lord lead. I had layed hands on many and they were blessed. Sister Equilla Anderson was sitting there holding her little granddaughter, Sherice Jones all through the service because she was sick. She was asked to bring the child up and I lay my hands on her and prayed. The temper-

ature abated and she began talking and walking around. She has been doing well every since.

Now I solicit the prayers of the saints to pray for me and I shall pray for you. According to the power of God who hath saved us and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Your Sister in Christ,

Evang. Linnie M. Chester
Chicago, Illinois
Bishop Louis H. Ford, Jurisdictional Bishop

ARKANSAS

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



MR. AND MRS. R. SAVAGE

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Savage, Sr., 1701 Pulaski Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, are celebrating fifty (50) years of marriage. The couple married August 3, 1936. They recently travelled to Long Beach, California and Houston, Texas in celebration of this occasion.

Rev. Savage continues to pastor at the Rosedale Church of God in Christ in Little Rock after thirty-eight (38) years. He is also retired from Stienkamp Furniture Store, where he was a master linoleum mechanic for twenty-nine (29) years.

Mrs. Savage, formerly Lee Ollie Edwards, retired Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) worked at St. Vincent Infirmary for almost thirty (30) years. She was a member of the first graduating class offering a program to black women wishing to pursue a non-degree career in nursing.

Presently, they are both active in church and family activities. Rev. Savage is State President of the Missions Department in Arkansas, presiding over fifteen (15) districts. Mrs. Savage is State Coordinator in this department.

They are the proud parents of eight children. One daughter, Hazel Lee, died in infancy. Other children are: Mrs. Mary Louise Williams, James Malcolm Savage and David Eugene Savage, Sr., of Little Rock, Arkansas; Mrs. Ruth Elizabeth Brown, East Palo Alto, California; Mrs. Deborah Diane Braxton, Hampton, Virginia; Raymond Savage, Jr., Philadelphia and Mrs. Romania Green, Newark, New Jersey.

They have eighteen (18) grandchildren and five (5) great-grandchildren.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

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"Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your words: I gave ear to hear your reasons, whilst ye searched out what to say" (Job 32:11).

This is another key to handling restlessness. You must be swift to hear and slow to speak (James 1:19). You must hold your peace and let the older saints say what they're going to say or do what they're going to do. You must stand still and wait your turn.

Waiting is not the easiest thing to do, especially when the Almighty God has given you inspired thoughts of ideas and they are just bubbling in your spirit (Job 32:8, 19). You have vision, insight, maybe even foresight. God has given you a perspective and you want to share it (Job 32:16, 17). Like Elihu, you are full of matter or words (Job 32:18). You have something to say, but the Spirit constrains you. For there is "a time to keep silence, and a time to speak" (Eccl. 3:7).

But, when your time comes to speak, speak up! Don't be a parrot and repeat what you have heard others say (Job 32:14). Speak that which God has given you to say (Amos 3:7, 8). Open your mouth and give your answer to the question, your solution to the problem (Job 32:20). Speak a word in season to them that are weary, worn and sad (Isa. 50:4). Be like Joseph and Daniel, young men in whom the Spirit of the Lord was in (Gen. 41:38; Dan. 4:8, 9, 18). They were restless, but when their time came, they stood up, spoke up and out came words of wisdom. When everybody else had said what they were going to say, these brothers were finally brought in to have their say. Their word was the best word because it was a word from God. God always has the last word and the best word!

In Joseph's day, Pharaoh was troubled. In Daniel's day, Nebuchadnezzar was troubled. Both saved the day with their inter-

pretations, which led to a remedy or resolution. Because they humbled themselves in their restlessness, God exalted them.

God will exalt the young and restless of today, also. He will bring you before the high and mighty, including the heads of social, financial and political organizations. In your church, He will give you audience with the head of your auxiliary or department on a local, state or even national level! He may even bring you before your local pastor, state bishop, or national presiding prelate!

When that time comes, don't choke! Don't be like timid Timothy and get scared (I Tim. 1:7). Don't let positions and titles render you speechless. Be like Elihu who said, "Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man" (Job 32:21). In other words, don't get so caught up in who you're talking to, that you forget who you are and what you are supposed to be doing. Let God use you and give Him the glory (1 Pet. 4:11).

And by all means be bold and courageous. Don't be apologetic about anything God has given you. Speak with confidence and assurance. What you have is valuable and worthwhile. Talk like it and you will inspire faith in others. They will believe you. They will believe your words. They will believe your God.

Faith is what pleases God (Heb. 11:6). Faith is what moves God. When faith is released, God is released to move in your behalf. And when God begins to move, things begin to change for the better.

Once this happens, the young will no longer be restless. For they will be numbered among those who believe God for the impossible. Hebrews 4:3 says, "For we which have believed do enter into REST..."

MASS CHOIR

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matched and surpassed those expectations. Under the capable direction of Dr. Mattie Clark a well polished musical effort helped shape a new high in the music departments distinguished record of service.

Dr. Mattie Clark is a talented leader and towering figure in COGIC music history. She and daughter, Twinkie provide constant inspiration to us all. During the ASU rallies the mass choir was inspired to do more than sing. Nightly, they took up a separate collection and presented it as an individual gift. Over the course of twenty rallies, the amount collected grew to nearly \$12,000.00. This significant and generous accomplishment should be known by all saints. Even more, the choir

deserves the good press. How many times do we hear people say, "you choir members can do more than sing"; meaning they give no money. This time Dr. Clark produced great spiritual music and a substantial financial report.

Each area choir is curious to know their contribution. The Whole Truth is mindful of that and rejoices in the opportunity to share the individual amounts. This should serve to demonstrate the love our mass choir has for the music they sing and the church from which their witness goes out. Check the following list.

AREA AMOUNT

| | |
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| 1. | \$345.45 |
| 2. | 327.85 |
| 3. | 438.65 |

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| 4. | 497.21 |
| 5. | 430.47 |
| 6. | 356.50 |
| 7. | 503.00 |
| 8. | 657.80 |
| 9. | 202.50 |
| 10. | 545.00 |
| 11. | 322.61 |
| 12. | 451.55 |
| 13. | 500.00 |
| 14. | 1006.92 |
| 15. | 801.37 |
| 16. | 756.77 |
| 17. | 506.15 |
| 18. | 516.87 |
| 19. | 1032.84 |
| 20. | 1674.00 |
| Total | \$11873.51 |

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE MOTHER EDNA L. TALLIE, ELECT LADY OF HOLY FAITH COGIC, PRESIDENT OF YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

Edna Leazer Westbrook, daughter of the late Willie and Julius Westbrook, born August 31, 1920, in Fairfield, Maryland, departed this life on September 16, 1985 with her family at her side.

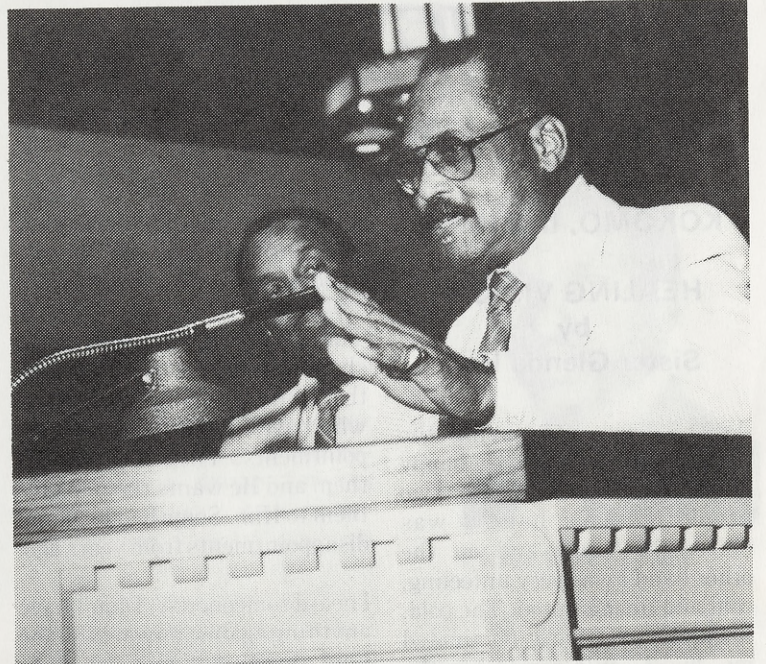
She began her education in the public school in Fairfield, Maryland and continued her education in the public schools of Baltimore City.

On January 10, 1937, Edna Lucille was united in Holy Matrimony to a young minister who later became Supt. James D. Tallie. To this union were born four children. Mother was a loving wife and devoted mother who worked to bring joy and unmeasured happiness to her husband and children.

Mother Tallie was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost at seven years old. She was the organist and choir director of both Junior and Senior Choirs and was a faithful servant in her local church under the pastorage of Elder J. C. Parker in Fairfield, Maryland.

Through the years Mother worked in various segments of the Church of God in Christ. She was appointed by the late Mother A. L. Bailey as the State President of the Young Women's Christian Council where she served for twenty-five years. Mother was the former State Chairlady of the Young People's Willing Worker for twenty-two years and she also served on the Finance committee for the Minister's Wives Department and in Western District she served as

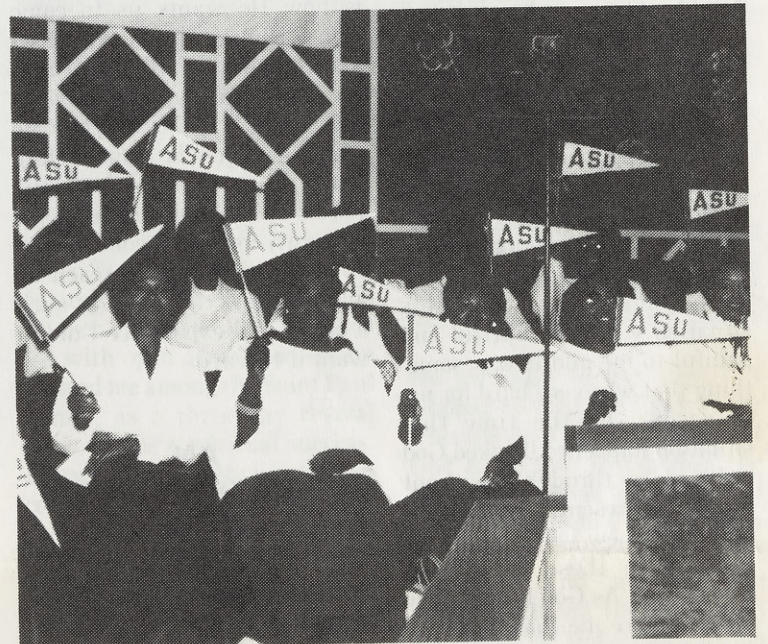
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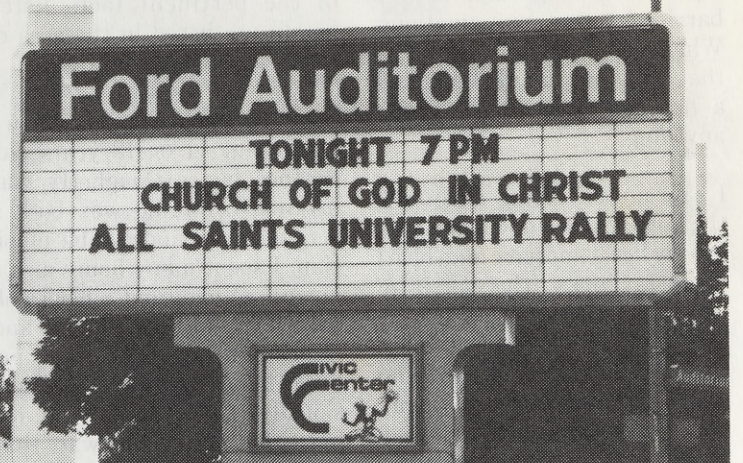
Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr. presented Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush to the large crowd at the 20th rally. Bishop Patterson thanked him for a job well done. Bishop Winbush coordinated the twenty rallies and traveled to each rally.



ASU Cheerleaders performed during the last rally. They help get things going and promoted that Ole ASU enthusiasm.



Part of the mass choir shows they support ASU. Nightly, a mass choir participated in each rally. Their singing and finance were a blessing to the entire effort.



Ford Auditorium was the site of a very successful ASU rally. Detroit hosted Area Four and the saints were prepared.

CONVOCATION

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and foot-washing service will be held. During the same service, the newly appointed bishops will be inaugurated. This installation service will add a new dimension to the events of the day. A general assembly session will also be held, at which time the chairman of the General Assembly will be elected and other matters that cannot be deferred until April will be attended.

Because of the continuing ongoing operational expenses of our National Church, it is urgent that the balances of jurisdictional quotas be reported during this convocation. Pastors are encouraged to collect the \$12 per member membership report and

bishops and supervisors are urged to collect the same and report along with the credential holders' report to the Office of Finance.

Bishops are requested to bring a roster of churches and missions in their jurisdiction. Because of the requirement of the Internal Revenue Service in order to maintain our tax exempt status, all churches must be registered by the Office of the General Secretary. In order not to jeopardize our status as a tax exempt organization, the Office of General Secretary will recertify all churches throughout the brotherhood (issue new certificates). Bishops are, therefore, requested to file

in the office of the General Secretary immediately a complete updated roster of all churches and missions with the names of the pastors in their jurisdiction. Your certificates will be prepared upon receipt of the rosters. Jurisdictions which have not submitted current rolls will do so during this meeting so that we may correct our records accordingly.

God's choice benediction and blessings be with you as we come together to enjoy this holy and festive time of worship.

BISHOP G. R. ROSS
General Secretary

from Indiana University and Moody Bible Institute. I am vice president of the YPWW of my local church, and I'm chairman of the District YPWW. Among my other duties include the presidency of the Brothers' Council at the church (that discusses the business of the church), I teach as an instructor in the Charles Harrison Mason System of Bible Colleges and I am a Sunday school Teacher.

I feel, now, that I have an imperative on my life to preach the Gospel as our Lord is about to return, and I want to be found faithful doing just that.

honored, even though we had not even planned to go that year and had a small group, but sang very well, and represented the state very well. We then went down to the National Music Convention and presented the Second Coming of Christ. After the presentation, the Dean, Elder McCoy made an altar call (because people were so moved by the drama), and about 300 people came up to the altar to receive more of the Lord. After the convention was over with, we brought home another first place trophy-making two first place trophies that year.

I believe in all the work of the church, in whatever area I am needed, whether it be preaching, teaching, witnessing, praying, or playing. I have learned never to think of myself more highly than I ought; however, I do believe that I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me and I praise God for all that He has done in my life, and I look forward to all that I feel He is going to do in the future. My final goal will be to hear Him say "Well done, Thou good and faithful Servant...enter into the joys of your reward."

I only hope that somewhere, someone has been or will be helped by the life I have lived, for I am striving to live to the Glory of God to please Him and Him alone.

CONTRIBUTIONS

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| PASTOR | CHURCH | AMOUNT |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Bishop G. Williams | Rehoboth | 9,890.72 |
| Eld. M. Clark | Church in the Round | 11,096.25 |
| Bishop R. Jones | Gr. Holy Temple | 9734.35 |
| Eld. W. Bogan | New Harris Temple | 10,900.00 |
| Bishop P. Brooks | New Saint Paul | 13,070.00 |
| Bishop J. Sherman | Pentecostal Temple | 9,807.00 |
| Bishop C. Davis | McGlothen Temple | 9,680.00 |
| Bishop G. Ross | Good Samaritan | 10,705.00 |
| Eld. Little | King of Glory | 12,000.00 |
| Bishop L. Ford | St. Paul | 18,124.96 |
| Bishop Gilkey | Holy Temple/St. Mark | 9,315.00 |
| Bishop R. Winbush | Gethsemane | 12,345.09 |
| Bishop R. Nance | St. Andrews/1st Church | 10,000.00 |
| Bishop Patterson, Sr. | Pentecostal Temple | 30,000.00 |
| Bishop W. Porter | Gr. Community | 15,019.00 |
| Bishop F. Macklin | Homeland | 10,025.00 |
| TOTAL | | \$201,712.37 |

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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When I was 13, I got saved. I have wanted to get saved earlier, but I had always been afraid of making that big step to the altar. You see, I hadn't been a "bad" boy-I was already active in the Children's Choir, the Young people's group and the church in general; but at that time I realized church work along was not going to get me to heaven. So, I finally gained the courage to accept the Lord as my personal Saviour. Once I was saved, I got an opportunity to give Brother and Sister Dougherty a break. Bro. John Lang and I became the janitors of the church, so I began going there to practice. Bro. Lang (who, by the way, has a great voice) would be on the piano and I would be on the organ, and the two of us were so enthused with music until one day it really showed. The pastor asked us to make fires for service, so after school we went in the church with all intentions of starting the fire. However, in our enthusiasm for music, we started practicing first. Before we knew it, our hands were cold, and IN WALKED THE SAINTS--TO A COLD CHURCH! We had practiced throughout the entire evening and received a scolding from the pastor; but that was just how

excited we were about our music.

Now my mother often said the Lord had showed her something about me and that used to awe and frighten me because I didn't know what she meant. One day while visiting with Sis. Suggs she told me that the Lord said that I was going to be a preacher, and my Dad told me the same thing. But no one told me until after I had accepted my calling to the ministry. I had a yearning for the study of the Lord's word and as I read and studied, He would open things to me. But I didn't accept the calling to the Lord's ministry for a long time, but enjoyed playing behind my daddy's preaching and would sometimes get so caught up until I was hollering and now it seems like to me I was almost preaching then. It was a long time after I had been saved before I finally said "Yes" to the Lord's will to preach.

I thank God for my wife Delores, a very dedicated person, involved with the work of the church, to help wherever needed-to wash dishes, sweep the floors or volunteering. She willingly stayed until the lights were turned out-I just really

think God gave me an "Earth-Angel." I'm grateful for her and I thank God for our children. Our oldest son is a musician that the Lord has blessed to have an awful lot of talent, and he has recorded and played for some of the greats in the gospel music world. He has, most recently, recorded with the Edwin Hawkins Seminar choir and played the organ on the song that, I have been told, was perhaps the number one on that album. I feel that his organ playing on "Call on Jesus" added a lot to it. He also has graduated from computer technology with a degree and we're just proud of him and thank God for him. We have a lovely daughter who is on her way to become a registered nurse, and our youngest son is married and in the Philippines, who has proven himself very worthy in the Air Force. He graduated No. 1 out of his basic training class and headed directly from basic training to on-the-job training as an air traffic controller. On his military tests (out of a battery of 7), 9's were the highest number, and he made 9's on all 7 tests.

I thank God that I have had a desire to want to prepare for the work of the Lord. I graduated

In 1959, I was called to the army for two years. While in the Army, I was stationed in San Antonio, Texas at Fort Sam Houston, where I met some wonderful saints at the West End COGIC, then pastored by Elder Walter Jones (now under Elder James Denny who works with Bishop Moody in the Missions Department.) We were all in service together down there and I met Brother Charles Geiger, who was the director of the local church choir. He lived in Chicago and after he got out and came home, we talked and he came over to Indiana and started working with the State Choir. Out of this we developed a music department for the state. A rarity happened to the Indiana State Choir when the Youth Congress was in Chicago in '65 or '64. Each state choir was called on to sing and they called on Indiana and we did a rendition of a song called "Deep River". That's when Denise Chandler (now the world-famous Denise Williams) was singing in the choir along with Bro. Johnnie Davis of South Bend and Bro. John Lang with his great baritone voice and, when the choir finished singing, the response from the audience was thunderous and overwhelming. They wanted Indiana to sing another number and would not allow the services to continue for at least ten minutes-constantly hollering "Indiana! Indiana!"

In 1975, the Faith Temple Choir (where I am a member), received the inspiration through my wife to write a play called the "Second Coming of Christ" and we gave a production at the West Side High School in Gary. Our National Dean of Music, Eld. Eugene McCoy, came down and was inspired by this and invited us to Battle Creek, Michigan where we had another presentation of that play. He also gave us an opportunity to present that play in the National Music Convention in New Orleans, LA that year. This was a great honor. We combined the Faith Temple Choir with the State choir for the production at the Music convention. The National Youth Congress was in Memphis that same year and our State President, Elder Cleophas Hall wanted our state choir to represent our state. We were only able to get about 28 people to go to sing in the National Youth Congress. We sang on one or two broadcasts, in the main service early one evening and then they had the National competition for best music departments or best state choirs, and Indiana received a first place trophy and we were very, very

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OBITUARY

CANADA

Calanthe Lee was born to William and Georgia Berkley June 21, 1921, in Depew, Oklahoma. She was one of four children; two brothers, Frank and Adelbert, one sister, Marie, all of whom preceded her in death, including her parents.

She attended Birdcreek Mountain Elementary School. The family later moved to Tulsa, where she completed her schooling.

She had worked in the church most of her life but found that she needed more spiritual guidance. With the help of God and sincere prayers of many friends and members she found God. She then united with Page Memorial, where she was a faithful, loyal and dedicated worker, and held many offices.

She met and married Elder Watson and moved her membership to Mason Temple to serve with and beside her husband. They were happily married until his death.

She later met and married Deacon Clem Canada. They were happily married and enjoyed the many friends and relatives they had.

Sister Canada was always willing to lend a helping hand wherever and whenever needed. She never said no to anyone's request. If you wanted advice, she would always be there to listen and try to give spiritual help.

Sister Canada united with Mason Temple Church of God in Christ, 1972, serving faithfully until death. Offices held in Mason Temple Church: Chairperson Deaconess Board, Teacher Mothers Board, Assist. Pres. Mission. District offices, Hospitality Pres., Assist. to Dist. Pres., Member, volunteer missions. State Souvenir Book, Chairperson.

On Friday, June 27, 1986, the spirit of our dear Sister Calanthe Lee Canada, went to join the Savior in that home not built with hands, but whose maker and builder is God. She leaves

to mourn: a loving husband, Clem Canada; cousins, Thelma L. Germany, Ann Jackson, Dionne Germany, Brandie Jackson; sisters, Juanita Ross Hardridge; brother, Robert Ross; sister-in-law, Mrs. Rosetta Berkley; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

LANG

In the homegoing of Mother Bennie Mae Lang, the State of Oklahoma S. E. has lost a pioneer worker, a dedicated leader and a devoted mother.

Our hearts are filled with sorrow, in the passing of our Mother, but we realize, that this "HOME GOING CELEBRATION" is the greatest experience of Mother Lang's life, for she worked until the day was done, and then went home to get her reward.

Mother Bennie Mae Lang was born March 7, 1909 in Gonzales, Texas. Her parents were Alfred and Massie Douglas.

In the year of 1917, she and her family moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where she attended the Public School, graduated from Douglas High School and attended Langston University.

She was united in Holy Matrimony to Mr. Zilmon Dilworth, and to this union, 1 son, Vernon was born.

In the year of 1926, she was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and fire at the Fairground Church of God in Christ in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, under the preaching of the Gospel of Elder E. L. Thompson, where she remained a member for a number of years. She was a faithful church member, and even in her youth, her gift began to make room for her, she held the office as Local YPWW President, later she was appointed as the 3rd State Chairlady of Oklahoma.

Mother Lang remarried in the year of 1938, she was the devoted wife of the Late Supt. T. L. Lang, for more than 25 years, working by his side, suffering with him for the Gospel sake, helping him

to establish churches and missions in Oklahoma, until the Lord called him from labor to reward in the year of 1971.

In the year of 1952, she was appointed District Missionary of the Oklahoma City District, serving with the Late Supt. John M. Statum, she held this office for 12 years, 1952-1964.

After the homegoing of State Mother F. B. Johnson, in the year of 1964, Mother Lang was appointed and elevated to the highest office in the Women's Department, State Supervisor of Women's work. This reign of 22 years, has been with one State Bishop, Bishop W. E. Jefferies, one of the greatest leaders our state has ever known and one whom the Church of God in Christ highly recommends throughout the United Brotherhood. Much of Mother Lang's training can be credited also to State Bishop W. E. Jefferies, as they worked together in their youth, he was State President of the YPWW of Oklahoma, and she served as his 3rd State Chairlady of Oklahoma.

We esteem her very highly for the labor of love and the outstanding work that she has done in the State of Oklahoma, for the past 60 years, and we say, Give her the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.

After the passing of her husband, the Late Supt. T. L. Lang, Mother Lang chose to remain with the church of his last founding, The Highland Drive Church of God in Christ. She was a faithful and dedicated member where she will be greatly missed and long remembered. Her pastor was Supt. R. E. Huff.

Mother Lang dearly loved the Women's Department of the Church of God in Christ. She held a very successful State Women's Convention May, 1986, at the Greater Sapp Memorial Church of God in Christ, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

After leaving Long Beach, Calif., and returning home, Mother suffered a light stroke, and had to be hospitalized.

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to her physical condition, she was unable to attend, which was almost more than she could bear, for she had never missed a State Convocation in 60 years.

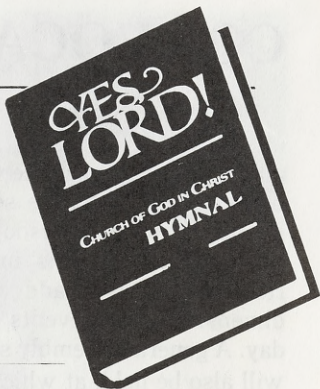
She leaves to mourn her homegoing and yet rejoice in the memory of a well spent life, and the outstanding work that she has done in the Church of God in Christ for the past 60 years: An only son, whom she loved so dear: Mr. Vernon Dilworth and his lovely wife, Jacqueline whom she also loved and affectionately called "Jackie". One (1) grandson, Mr. Vernon Dilworth, Jr. all of Los Angeles, California.

Three (3) brothers: Mr. Woodrow Douglas, San Antonio, Texas, Mr. Frederick Douglas and wife Mildred, Corpus Christi, Texas and Mr. Marvin Douglas and wife Morlene, Austin, Texas.

Two (2) sisters: Mrs. Ruby Goodson, Big Cuero, Texas and Mrs. Frankie B. Smith, San Antonio, Texas. Many sons and daughters of Southeast Oklahoma Jurisdiction. The Saints of God and many friends.

She departed this life, Monday, July 14, 1986. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 19, 1986 at Thompson's Temple State Headquarters, 1010 N. E. 2nd Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Bishop W. E. Jefferies, State Jurisdictional Bishop S. E. Oklahoma, delivered the eulogy. Mother Lang is laid to rest at Trice Hill Cemetery in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Sleep on Mother Lang and take the rest that you are so deserving of, for you have done a good work, and you have finished your course. We loved you, and we will always cherish the memory of your teaching and your labor of love in the State of Oklahoma.



TALLIE

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chairman of the Women's Department.

In October 1955, Elder J. D. Tallie, founder with Mother Tallie, co-organized Holy Faith COGIC. She worked as a faithful servant in performing and promoting the work of the Lord. She served as organist, choir director and president of the Women's Department. She worked wholeheartedly in all church projects and activities.

Mother Tallie was stricken with three strokes, but each time the Lord gave her the strength she needed to come back more determined to serve. At the ending of her long illness the Lord blessed her to attend three services. While being confined at her home, she often talked about her love for the church and showed it with her prayers, tithes and offerings. Mother Tallie's last request was to attend the evening service on Sunday, Sept. 15, 1985. She did and unknowing to us gave her Final Victorious Testimony that, "I'm Saved, Thank God" and sang her song "Sign Me Up For The Christian Jubilee, I'm Gonna Be Ready When Jesus Comes". Minutes later, she suffered her fourth stroke, and while in the service, stepped from this world of time, into a timeless world, victoriously.

One year later, she still leaves to cherish her memories, her beloved husband, Supt. J. D. Tallie; three children, Matthew, Deborah, Lydia Tallie; the Holy Faith Church Family, and a great host of relatives, friends and saints.

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